IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of BAUMANN et al.

International Application No. PCT/EP 94/01141

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For: 3-(HET)ARYLCARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES, THEIR PREPARTION

AND INTERMEDIATES FOR THEIR PREPARATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend claim 14 as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 14 line 1 after formula VIII, delete "the substituents" and insert --R, R4,R5,R6 and Z--;

line 1 after formula VIII, delete "12" and insert -- and R^{16} is C_1-C_4 -alkyl--.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency. Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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